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Advisory Announcement

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA DRIFT GILLNET AND PURSE SEINE TASK FORCE MEETINGS

The department holds annual meetings with fishery managers, fishery researchers, hatchery operators, fishermen, fishing organizations, processing company representatives, and any other interested parties to review the previous salmon season, discuss topics of importance for management of the fisheries, and plan for the following season. Task force meetings have rotated between communities to provide increased access and participation. This year, the meetings will be conducted virtually via ZoomTM due to participant and community safety considerations from the Covid-19 pandemic.

A ZoomTM account or app is not needed to attend these meetings. Participants can attend by clicking the meeting link or entering the meeting link into a web browser or by going to https://zoom.us/join and entering the meeting ID. Participants may also attend telephonically by dialing one of the numbers listed below and entering the meeting ID. A password will need to be entered to attend these meetings either virtually or telephonically. Passwords can be obtained by contacting your fishery organization or processor representative or by contacting ADF&G. A meeting invite has been sent to fishing organizations, hatchery organizations, processors representatives, and last year's participants who provided a legible email address.

The Drift Gillnet Task Force meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Zoom™ meeting information:

https://zoom.us/i/98633265048?pwd=YXdVOndZOitrLv9XNTcrSk5HOFE0Zz09

Meeting ID: 986 3326 5048

The Purse Seine Task Force meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Zoom™ meeting information:

https://zoom.us/j/92427932022?pwd=Z29CMExsb2E2KzdwaE5OOFdzWkFxZz09

Meeting ID: 924 2793 2022

Dial-in information for both meetings (dial by your nearest location)::

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- +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
- +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)
- +1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)
- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
- +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Agendas for the drift gillnet and purse seine meetings will be developed in cooperation between the department and the Southeast Alaska Seiners Association, the United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters Association, the Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance, and the Petersburg Vessel Owner's Association. Individuals with suggested topics for discussion should contact these organizations or the department by November 13, 2020.

Agendas, department presentations, and other meeting material will be made available on or before December 4, 2020 and can be found at: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon#management.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/.

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